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Convocation of Stannators,

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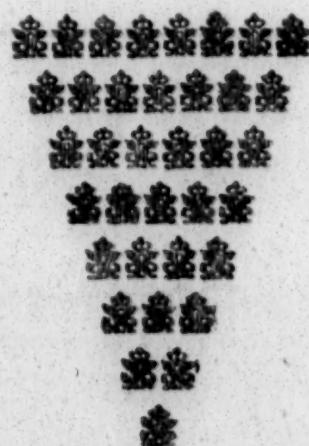
OF THE

County of Cornwall.

Assembled at TRURO the Twentieth Day of April, in
the Ninth Year of Her MAJESTY's most
Happy Reign.

W I T H

The Lord Warden's Answer to the Convocation.



Printed in the Year, 1710.

By Vertue of an Order of the Convocation
of Stannators, or Parliament of Tinners,
for the County of Cornwal, I do allow the
Printing the following Address and Answer.

Ja. Buller, Speaker.

TO THE
QUEEN's
 Most Excellent MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your MAJESTY's Most Dutiful and Loyal SUBJECTS, in Convocation or Parliament of TINNERS at *Truro*, the Twentieth Day of *April*, 1710. Assembled, do think it our Duty to make our Utmost Acknowledgments to Your MAJESTY, not only for the Blessings we enjoy in an Equal Degree with the rest of Your Subjects; but, as becomes us, in a particular manner, for Your Royal Indulgence to this County in the late Contract for our *TIN*, at the beginning of a War, when the *Tinners* were under the greatest Apprehensions of being reduced to extream Misery.

AND as we are truly Sensible Your MAJESTY proposed by that Contract no other Advantage but that of the *Tinners* of Your ever Loyal County of *Cornwall* (whose MERITS and SUFFERINGS were so Graciously Recommended by Your MAJESTY's ROYAL GRANDFATHER to his POSTERITY,) so we beg Leave to Assure Your MAJESTY, we are now met together with Hearts fully dispos'd to enter into a New Contract, on such Terms as Your MAJESTY may not be a Loser.

BUT we should think our selves wanting in Duty to our Country, if we did not Represent to Your MAJESTY, That since the Instructions Annexed to the Lord-Warden's Commission for holding this Convocation (by which we are to abate Five Shillings *per Cent.*) were Granted, the Exportation-Duty of Three Shillings *per Cent.* on *TIN* is taken off, which we humbly Conceive was designed for the Advantage of the *Tinners*: And thô Your MAJESTY will have an immediate Benefit on all *TIN* remaining un-fold on the Old Contract, as well as on that *TIN* You will receive by the New; yet we are willing to accept of Three Pounds Five Shillings *per Cent.* Stannary Weight for our *TIN* during the War, and only presume to Beseech Your MAJESTY, that we may have Three Pounds Eight Shillings in time of Peace; otherwise, We (*TIN* being the Staple Commodity of this County) shall not equally partake of that Blessing with the rest of our Fellow Subjects.

WE Farther beg Leave to Represent to Your MAJESTY, the great SUFFERINGS the poor *Tinners* Labour'd under during the late Contract, by a constant *Surplus*, which obliged them to Sell their *Coinage Bills* at a great Discount; And having just Reason to apprehend, that this Contract will begin with a new *Surplus*, we think our selves obliged to Desire sufficient Care may be taken to prevent it: And therefore we make it our humble Request to Your MAJESTY, That You will be Graciously Pleasd to Order the Lord-Warden's Instructions to be Enlarged in these *Particulars*.

WE

WE also think it our Duty to Inform Your MAJESTY, That Three Pounds Eight Shillings *per Cent.* Stannary Weight, is a lower Price than was ever Contracted for in any Farm; and that it is the Unanimous Opinion of the most Experienced *Tinners*, That the whole *TIN* of this County, upon an Averidge, cost the *Adventurer* above Three Pound Ten Shillings *per Cent.* Merchants Weight; That all our Old Mines are wrought very deep, and consequently must grow daily more Chargable; That the Wages of the Labouring *Tinners* are already reduced so low, as but barely necessary for their Subsistence; And that likewise, since the Date of the Instructions to the Lord Warden, a Duty upon Candles has by Act of Parliament been laid, which is a very great *Additional* Ex-pence in raising of *TIN*.

ALL which is, in the most dutiful and most humble manner, submitted to Your most wise and gracious Consideration, by

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

Your Majesty's ever Faithful,

And truly Loyal Subjects,

Fra. Scobell,
Granvill Pyper,
J. Pollard,
Tho. Trewren,
S. Trefusis,

Ed. Herle,
J. Tredenham,
Sam. Ennys,
Nic. Morice,
Hugh Pyper,

Tho. Tonkin,
Ja. Buller,
R. Vyvyan,
H. Vincent, *Jun.*

The Lord Warden's Answer to the Convocation, when his Lordship was desired to deliver this ADDRESS to Her Majesty, and to use his best Endeavours with Her Majesty and the Lord Treasurer, for obtaining what is thereby desired.

Gentlemen,

I Am Glad of this Opportunity, thus Publickly to let You know, That I cannot Charge my Self with any Address to Her Majesty 'till You have given me a direct Answer, whether You'll Accept the Farm, on the Foot I have been Impower'd to offer it You, or not.

And the Reason is, That I can never be Consenting to a Method, which I am convinc'd will prevent this Contract, without which I think Our Country Ruin'd, and by which We may make Our Selves, and Our Poor Neighbours Happy.

For by the Endeavours I have already used to procure better Terms, if possible, I am satisfy'd We shall be so far from Obtaining 'em, that I verily believe We shall not again get these, if We do not now take 'em whilst in Our Power.

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